

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

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23. (canceled)
24. (currently amended) The method of Claim 30 44 wherein expanding the coupling is carried out at a temperature from 130 to 200°C.
25. (currently amended) The method of Claim 31 45 wherein expanding the coupling is carried out at a temperature from 130 to 200°C.
26. (currently amended) The method of Claim 30 44 wherein expanding the coupling is carried out at a temperature from 150 to 190°C.
27. (currently amended) The method of Claim 31 45 wherein expanding the coupling is carried out at a temperature from 150 to 190°C.
28. (currently amended) The method of Claim 30 44 wherein expanding the coupling is carried out at a temperature of 160 to 165°C.
29. (currently amended) The method of Claim 31 45 wherein expanding the coupling is carried out at a temperature of 160 to 165°C.
30. (currently amended) A The method of forming a lamp assembly from a light emitting glass lamp having at least one end and a base having a top and side walls forming a cavity, the method comprising Claim 14 wherein the coupling further comprises:
 placing a foamable shaped coupling inside the base, said coupling comprising:
 from about 60 to 80 percent by weight of at least one copolymer wherein the copolymer is selected from the group consisting of ethylene vinyl acetate, ethylene

methyl acrylate, ethylene butyl acrylate, ethylene ethyl acrylate, ethylene methacrylic acid, and mixtures thereof;

from about 2 to 7 percent by weight of ~~a the~~ microencapsulated blowing agent;

from about 3 to 15 percent by weight of at least one tackifier;

from about 1 to 7 percent by weight of at least one peroxide;

from about 0.5 to 5 percent by weight of at least one antioxidant;

from about 1 to 4 percent by weight of at least one radiation crosslinking promoter; and

from about 0 to 20 percent by weight of at least one filler;

inserting the end of the glass lamp into the base; and

expanding the coupling to securely affix the glass lamp in the base.

31. (currently amended) A The method of forming a lamp assembly from a light emitting glass lamp having at least one end and a base having an opening, the method comprising Claim 15 wherein the coupling further comprises:

placing a foamable shaped coupling around the end of the glass lamp, said coupling comprising:

from about 60 to 80 percent by weight of at least one copolymer wherein the copolymer is selected from the group consisting of ethylene vinyl acetate, ethylene methyl acrylate, ethylene butyl acrylate, ethylene ethyl acrylate, ethylene methacrylic acid, and mixtures thereof;

from about 2 to 7 percent by weight of ~~a the~~ microencapsulated blowing agent;

from about 3 to 15 percent by weight of at least one tackifier;

from about 1 to 7 percent by weight of at least one peroxide;

from about 0.5 to 5 percent by weight of at least one antioxidant;

from about 1 to 4 percent by weight of at least one radiation crosslinking promoter; and

from about 0 to 20 percent by weight of at least one filler;

inserting the end of the glass lamp into the base opening; and

expanding the coupling to securely affix the glass lamp in the base.

32. (withdrawn) A non-pressure sensitive adhesive foamable composition comprising:

from about 50 to 80 percent by weight of at least one copolymer wherein the copolymer is selected from the group consisting of ethylene vinyl acetate, ethylene methyl acrylate, ethylene butyl acrylate, ethylene ethyl acrylate, ethylene methacrylic acid, and mixtures thereof;

from about 1 to 10 percent by weight of a microencapsulated blowing agent;

from about 0 to 30 percent by weight of at least one tackifier;
 from about 0.5 to 5 percent by weight of at least one peroxide;
 from about 0 to 5 percent by weight of at least one chemical blowing agent;
 from about 1 to 10 percent by weight of a blowing agent activator;
 from about 0.25 to 5 percent by weight of at least one antioxidant;
 from about 0.5 to 5 percent by weight of at least one radiation crosslinking promoter; and
 from about 0 to 30 percent by weight of at least one filler.

33. (withdrawn) The composition of Claim 32 wherein the tackifier is a polyamide based resin.

34. (currently amended) A The method of forming a lamp assembly from a light emitting glass lamp having at least one end and a base having a top and side walls forming a cavity, the method comprising:

placing a foamable shaped coupling inside the base, said coupling comprising Claim-14 wherein the coupling comprises a composition comprising:

from about 50 to 80 percent by weight of at least one copolymer wherein the copolymer is selected from the group consisting of ethylene vinyl acetate, ethylene methyl acrylate, ethylene butyl acrylate, ethylene ethyl acrylate, ethylene methacrylic acid, and mixtures thereof;

from about 1 to 10 percent by weight of the microencapsulated blowing agent;
 from about 0 to 30 percent by weight of at least one tackifier;
 from about 0.5 to 5 percent by weight of at least one peroxide;
 from about 0 to 5 percent by weight of at least one chemical blowing agent;
 from about 1 to 10 percent by weight of a blowing agent activator;
 from about 0.25 to 5 percent by weight of at least one antioxidant;
 from about 0.5 to 5 percent by weight of at least one radiation crosslinking promoter; and

from about 0 to 30 percent by weight of at least one filler;
inserting the end of the glass lamp into the base; and
expanding the coupling to securely affix the glass lamp in the base.

35. (currently amended) A The method of forming a lamp assembly from a light emitting glass lamp having at least one end and a base having an opening, the method comprising Claim-15 wherein the coupling comprises a composition comprising

placing a foamable shaped coupling around the end of the glass lamp, said coupling comprising:

from about 50 to 80 percent by weight of at least one copolymer wherein the copolymer is selected from the group consisting of ethylene vinyl acetate, ethylene methyl acrylate, ethylene butyl acrylate, ethylene ethyl acrylate, ethylene methacrylic acid, and mixtures thereof;

from about 1 to 10 percent by weight of the microencapsulated blowing agent;

from about 0 to 30 percent by weight of at least one tackifier;

from about 0.5 to 5 percent by weight of at least one peroxide;

from about 0 to 5 percent by weight of at least one chemical blowing agent;

from about 1 to 10 percent by weight of a blowing agent activator;

from about 0.25 to 5 percent by weight of at least one antioxidant;

from about 0.5 to 5 percent by weight of at least one radiation crosslinking promoter; and

from about 0 to 30 percent by weight of at least one filler;

inserting the end of the glass lamp into the base opening; and

expanding the coupling to securely affix the glass lamp in the base.

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40. (currently amended) The method of Claim 30 ~~14~~ wherein the coupling is ring-shaped, C-shaped, or rectangular.

41. (currently amended) The method of Claim 31 ~~15~~ wherein the coupling is ring-shaped, C-shaped, or rectangular.

42. (new) The method of Claim 34 wherein expanding the coupling is carried out at a temperature from 130 to 200°C.

43. (new) The method of Claim 35 wherein expanding the coupling is carried out at a temperature from 130 to 200°C.

44. (new) The method of Claim 34 wherein expanding the coupling is carried out at a temperature from 150 to 190°C.
45. (new) The method of Claim 35 wherein expanding the coupling is carried out at a temperature from 150 to 190°C.
46. (new) The method of Claim 34 wherein expanding the coupling is carried out at a temperature of 160 to 165°C.
47. (new) The method of Claim 35 wherein expanding the coupling is carried out at a temperature of 160 to 165°C.
48. (new) The method of Claim 34 wherein the coupling is ring-shaped, C-shaped, or rectangular.
49. (new) The method of Claim 35 wherein the coupling is ring-shaped, C-shaped, or rectangular.